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1. AS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU COMPLETES THIRD WEEK IN U.S.,
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GREEK CYPRIOT NEWS MEDIA CONTINUES TO FOCUS PRIMARILY
ON U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO LIFT EMBARGO AND
GOC'S ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE CONGRESS TO MAINTAIN IT.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL INITIATIVE TO END EMBARGO
CAME UNDER ESPECIALLY HEAVY FIRE IN RIGHT-WING GREEK
CYPRIOT PRESS. AGON WROTE THAT NO GREEK COULD FEEL

ANY RESPECT FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE T WAS DISHONEST IN ITS APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES, AND SAID WEST BEHAVED IN A "CRIMINAL MANNER." SIMERINI, WHICH IS NORMALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD U.S., SAID PRESIDENT CARTER WAS FUGITIVE FROM HIS OWN PRINCIPLES. LEFT-WING PRESS IS ALSO HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ADMINISTRATION'S CAMPAIGN TO LIFT EMBARGO, BUT DESCRIBES IT IN TERMS OF NATO IMPERIALISM.

3. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY VANCE RECEIVED WIDE ATTENTION. INITIAL REPORTS, NO DOUBT GOC-INSPIRED, EMPHASIZED POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT; LATER STORIES GAVE MORE EMPHASIS TO FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE BUT ALSO ASSERTED THAT SECRETARY WAS PUTTING PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS AND ENGAGE IN FOUR PARTY (GREEK, TURKISH, GREEK CYPRIOT, TURKISH CYPRIOT) TALKS. GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S APPEARANCE BEFORE HIRC, WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED AS NOTABLY SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION OF GOC VIEWS.

4. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS CONTINUED TO TAKE RATHER BEMUSED ATTITUDE TOWARD HEIGHTENED ACTIVITIES OF CYPRIOTS IN U.S., BUT IN PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEGUN TO CONCLUDE THAT TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE COME OUT ON TOP IN WHAT BOT SIDES CALL "BATTLE OF IMPRESSIONS" IN U.S.
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